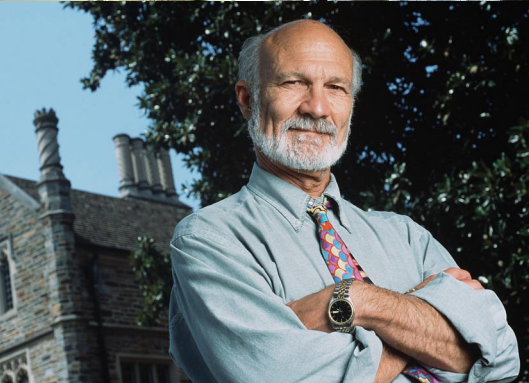


# DUKE



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Duke University is a private, coeducational, residential research university created in 1924 by James Buchanan Duke as a memorial to his father, Washington Duke. Its roots trace back to Trinity College in nearby Randolph County, which the elder Duke moved to Durham in 1892. Trinity College continues today along with the younger Pratt School of Engineering as the undergraduate colleges of Duke University. Duke has grown to become one of the nation's premier universities, known internationally for its teaching and research, for the quality of its faculty and student body, and for the prominence of its medical center. With many schools and departments consistently ranked among the nation's best, Duke's academic community has included winners of Fulbright, Guggenheim, and National Science Foundation fellowships; editors of leading scholarly journals; prize-winning novelists and translators; and scholars whose works have broken new ground.

The University's undergraduate and graduate academic programs are delivered through nine academic divisions serving both graduate and undergraduate students. Duke enrolls a nationally and internationally diverse undergraduate student body of more than 6,500 and a graduate student population of more than 6,200. Approximately 85% of students come from outside North Carolina; more than 40% are students of color. Roughly 40% of undergraduates receive need-based financial aid.

The University is located on a beautiful 9,500-acre campus in Durham, North Carolina. A significant proportion—7,700 acres—belongs to the Duke Forest, which serves as a natural outdoor laboratory for Duke and neighboring universities. Duke maintains another small campus in Beaufort, North Carolina, for the Duke University Marine Laboratory. Duke's main campus is divided into distinct areas, each housing undergraduates. West and East serve as the main campuses, populated by student residences, academic buildings, administrative offices, and libraries. First-year students are housed together on East Campus, while Gothic-style West Campus houses upperclass students as well as the student center, the main library, and the athletic stadiums. Duke's Central Campus consists primarily of campus apartments. Free shuttle buses run frequently between all campuses.

Duke University has a total operating budget in 2006-07 of more than \$1.7 billion (excluding the Duke University Health System). The University's endowment, with a market value of more than \$3.8 billion (as of June 30, 2005), ranks among the top 20 higher education institutions in the nation.

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